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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name and Address

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SAN ANTONIO TX 78270-0311

COMBINED CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES &
REHABILITATION, INC.

Respondent Name

TEXAS MUTUAL INSURANCE CO

Carrier's Austin Representative Box

Box Number 54

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-11-2499-01

MFDR Date Received

MARCH 21, 2011

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "Please review bills that we resubmitted to you for Reconsideration on a corrected claim. Included you will find all HICFs' and proper documentation with doctor notes on the EMG-NCV."

Amount in Dispute: $2165.00

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "The nerve conduction test lists the rendering provider and technician as Carey Davis, D.C. The EMG test document has the name of Meyer Proler, M.D., listed at the bottom of the document but does not explain the relationship of Proler to the EMG." "Texas Mutual denied payment of the billing absent any explanation from the requestor regarding a rendering provider who is only listed on the test document as the referring practitioner, which flatly contradicts the information in Box 24J. There is no reference on the billing to Carey Davis, D.C., or Meyer Proler, M.D. For this reason Texas Mutual denied payment because the documentation does not support the service billed."

Response Submitted by: Texas Mutual Insurance Co., 6210 East Hwy. 290, Austin, TX 78723-1098

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
May 21, 2010	CPT Code 95900-59 (6) - Nerve conduction, amplitude and latency/velocity study, each nerve; motor, without F-wave study	$690.00	$0.00
	CPT Code 95903-59 (4) - Nerve conduction, amplitude and latency/velocity study, each nerve; motor, with F-wave study	$460.00	$0.00
	CPT Code 95904-59 (6) - Nerve conduction, amplitude and latency/velocity study, each nerve; sensory	$690.00	$0.00
	CPT Code 95861 - Needle electromyography; 2 extremities with or without related paraspinal areas	$250.00	$0.00
	HCPCS Code A4556 (6) - Electrodes (e.g., apnea monitor), per pair	$30.00	$0.00

	HCPCS Code A4215 - Needle, sterile, any size, each	$5.00	$0.00
	HCPCS Code A4558 - Conductive gel or paste, for use with electrical device (e.g., TENS, NMES), per oz	$5.00	$0.00
	CPT Code 99211-25 - Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, that may not require the presence of a physician. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are minimal. Typically, 5 minutes are spent performing or supervising these services.	$35.00	$0.00
TOTAL		$2165.00	$0.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective May 25, 2008, sets out the procedures for resolving a medical fee dispute.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.203, effective March 1, 2008, sets the reimbursement guidelines for the disputed service.
3. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.600, effective May 2, 2006, requires preauthorization for specific treatments and services
4. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.20, effective January 29, 2009, sets out the procedure for submitting medical bills.
5. The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:

   Explanation of benefits dated July 29, 2010
   - 858-Modifier -59 billed – Documentation submitted does not support a distinct or independent procedural service.
   - 892-Denied in accordance with DWC rules and/or medical fee guideline
   - CAC-W1-Workers' compensation state fee schedule adjustment.
   - 783-Comparison studies of non-compensable side are not reimbursed. Only allowed if compensable injury affects both extremities.
   - CAC-150-Payer deems the information submitted does not support this level of service.
   - CAC-16-Claim/service lacks information which is needed for adjudication. At least one remark code must be provided (may be comprised or either the remittance advice remark code or NCPDP reject reason code).
   - CAC-97-The benefit for this service is included in the payment/allowance for another service/procedure that has already been adjudicated.
   - 217-The value of this procedure is included in the value of another procedure performed on this date.
   - 225-The submitted documentation does not support the service being billed. We will re-evaluate this upon receipt of clarifying information.
   - 762-Denied in accordance with 134.600(p)(12) treatment/service in excess of DWC treatment guidelines (ODG) per disability management rules.
   - 857-Modifier -25 billed. Documentation does not support a significant, separately identifiable E&M Service.
   - 890-Denied per AMA CPT code description for level of service and/or nature of presenting problem.

Issues

1. Does a preauthorization issue exist in this dispute?
2. Does the documentation support the level of service billed for CPT codes 95900, 95903, 95904, 95861?
3. Are HCPCS codes A4556, A4215 and A4558 included in another service/procedure billed on August 5, 2011?
4. Does the documentation support a separate identifiable Evaluation and Management service? Is the requestor entitled to reimbursement for CPT code 99211-25?

Findings

1. The respondent denied reimbursement for the disputed services, CPT codes 95900, 95903, 95904, and

95861, based upon reason code "762-Denied in accordance with 134.600(p)(12) treatment/service in excess of DWC treatment guidelines (ODG) per disability management rules".

28 Texas Administrative Code § 134.600(p)(12) states "Non-emergency health care requiring preauthorization includes: treatments and services that exceed or are not addressed by the Commissioner's adopted treatment guidelines or protocols and are not contained in a treatment plan preauthorized by the carrier."

The unsigned May 21, 2010 NeuroDynamics report states "Patient is scheduled for testing today due to on going subjective complaints of pain and dysesthesias in the fourth and fifth digits of the left upper extremity. Patient also exhibits moderate loss of both flexion and extension of the two digits. Please note there is amputation of the second and third digits of the left hand due to trauma."

Per the ODG, nerve conduction studies of the hand are "Recommended as an option after closed fractures of distal radius & ulna if necessary to assess nerve injury. (Bienek, 2006) Electrodiagnostic testing includes testing for nerve conduction velocities (NCV), and possibly the addition of electromyography (EMG)."

The Division notes that the NeuroDynamics report does not refer to the condition referred to in the ODG. Therefore, preauthorization was required per 28 Texas Administrative Code § 134.600(p)(12).

2. According to the explanation of benefits, CPT codes 95900, 95904, 95903 and 95861 were also denied reimbursement based upon reason code "225-The submitted documentation does not support the service being billed. We will re-evaluate this upon receipt of clarifying information"; and "CAC-16-Claim/service lacks information which is needed for adjudication. At least one remark code must be provided (may be comprised or either the remittance advice remark code or NCPDP reject reason code)".

   A review of the submitted documentation indicates that the May 21, 2010 nerve studies interpretation report was signed by Meyer Proler, MD from StatLink.

   The May 21, 2010 NeuroDynamics report is unsigned and does not identify the healthcare provider that performed the testing.

   A review of the submitted medical bill indicates that Cary Davis DC billed for the whole procedure. The documentation does not support that Dr. Davis performed the whole procedure for the disputed services. Therefore, the documentation does not support the level of service billed. As a result, reimbursement is not recommended.

3. The respondent denied reimbursement for HCPCS codes A4556, A4215 and A4558 based upon reason codes "CAC-97-The benefit for this service is included in the payment/allowance for another service/procedure that has already been adjudicated"; and "217-The value of this procedure is included in the value of another procedure performed on this date".

   Per Medicare rules HCPCS codes A4556 and A4558 are bundled codes and payment allowance is included in another service; therefore, reimbursement is not recommended.

   Per Medicare rules HCPCS code A4215 is not covered by Medicare in any payment system; therefore, reimbursement is not recommended.

4. According to the explanation of benefits the respondent denied reimbursement for the office visit, CPT code 99211, based upon reason codes: "CAC-150-Payer deems the information submitted does not support this level of service "; "CAC-97-The benefit for this service is included in the payment/allowance for another service/procedure that has already been adjudicated"; "CAC-16-Claim/service lacks information which is needed for adjudication. At least one remark code must be provided (may be comprised or either the remittance advice remark code or NCPDP reject reason code)"; "857-Modifier -25 billed. Documentation does not support a significant, separately identifiable E&M Service"; "890-Denied per AMA CPT code description for level of service and/or nature of presenting problem"; and "225-The submitted documentation does not support the service being billed. We will re-evaluate this upon receipt of clarifying information".

   Dr. Davis appended modifier 25 to code 99211 to identify a significant, separate evaluation and management service.

   Modifier 25 is defined as "It may be necessary to indicate that on the day a procedure or service identified by a CPT code was performed, the patient's condition required a significant, separately identifiable E/M service above and beyond the other service provided or beyond the usual preoperative and postoperative care associated with the procedure that was performed. A significant, separately identifiable E/M service is defined or substantiated by documentation that satisfies the relevant criteria for the respective E/M service to be reported (see Evaluation and Management Services Guidelines for instructions on determining level of E/M service). The E/M service may be prompted by the symptom or condition for which the procedure and/or

service was provided. As such, different diagnoses are not required for reporting of the E/M services on the same date. This circumstance may be reported by adding modifier 25 to the appropriate level of E/M service."

A review of the submitted documentation finds that Dr. Davis did not submit a copy of the office visit report to support billing of CPT code 99211-25; therefore, the documentation does not support a significant, separate evaluation and management service. As a result, reimbursement is not recommended.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has not established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is $0.00

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to $0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

Authorized Signature

		7/12/2012
Signature	Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	Date

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute may appeal this decision by requesting a contested case hearing. A completed **Request for a Medical Contested Case Hearing** (form **DWC045A**) must be received by the DWC Chief Clerk of Proceedings within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. A request for hearing should be sent to: Chief Clerk of Proceedings, Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers Compensation, P.O. Box 17787, Austin, Texas, 78744. The party seeking review of the MDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request for a hearing to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §148.3(c), including a **certificate of service demonstrating that the request has been sent to the other party**.

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